

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) The washing machine according to claim 4, wherein:

said housing is cabinet-shaped and has a housing wall; and
said circulatory path is substantially parallel to said housing wall.
3. (Original) The washing machine according to claim 2, wherein said housing wall is a side wall.
4. (Currently amended) A washing machine, comprising:
a housing;
a conveying configuration disposed in said housing and moving laundry in a circulatory path within said housing, the laundry being supported by the conveying configuration and hanging freely from the conveying configuration;
a fan disposed in said housing; and
wherein said conveying configuration is a conveying belt or a conveying chain.
5. (Previously presented) The washing machine according to claim 4, wherein:

said conveying configuration has carry-along elements distributed along said circulatory path for receiving laundry; and
said carry-along elements are adapted to receive at least one of a hook and a clamping device of at least one of a laundry hanger, a clothes hanger, and a laundry net.

6. (Currently amended) A washing machine, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a conveying configuration disposed in said housing and moving laundry in a circulatory path within said housing, the laundry being supported by the conveying configuration and hanging freely from the conveying configuration;
 - a fan disposed in said housing; and
 - wherein said conveying configuration ~~at least one of~~ is operable to convey the laundry in at least three modes dependent upon a processing operation to be carried out, wherein the first mode keeps the laundry stationary, the second mode moves the laundry into a constant-speed circulatory path, and the third mode executes a reciprocating movement dependent upon a processing operation to be carried out.
7. (Previously presented) The washing machine according to claim 4, further comprising a dryer for preliminary removal of water from the laundry, said dryer being disposed in a region of said circulatory path.
8. (Original) The washing machine according to claim 7, wherein said dryer has a pair of rollers through which laundry can be drawn.
9. (Original) The washing machine according to claim 7, further comprising:
 - an absorbent nonwoven disposed in said housing; and
 - said dryer having at least one roller for pressing the laundry against said absorbent nonwoven.
10. (Original) The washing machine according to claim 9, wherein said nonwoven is guided substantially parallel to movement of the laundry at least during pressing of the laundry.

11. (Original) The washing machine according to claim 7, wherein said dryer has an air device for applying compressed air to the laundry.

12. (Original) The washing machine according to claim 11, further comprising a grid, the laundry being fixed on said grid as said air device applies the compressed air.

13. (Previously presented) A washing machine, comprising:
a housing;
a conveying configuration disposed in said housing and moving laundry in a circulatory path within said housing;
a fan disposed in said housing; and
a rinsing-water container disposed at said housing, said container being a heat exchanger.

14. (Original) The washing machine according to claim 13, wherein said rinsing-water container is formed in said housing by a double-walled housing wall.

15. (Original) The washing machine according to claim 14, wherein said housing wall is a double-walled rear housing wall.

16. (Previously presented) The washing machine according to claim 4, further comprising at least one of an integrated pressing configuration and an integrated ironing configuration.

17. (Previously presented) The washing machine according to claim 4, further comprising supports for holding the laundry in said housing, said supports being disposed on said conveying configuration.

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21. (New) The washing machine according to claim 13, wherein the rinsing-water container retains water for rinsing the laundry and the heat exchanger condenses moisture removed from the laundry.